

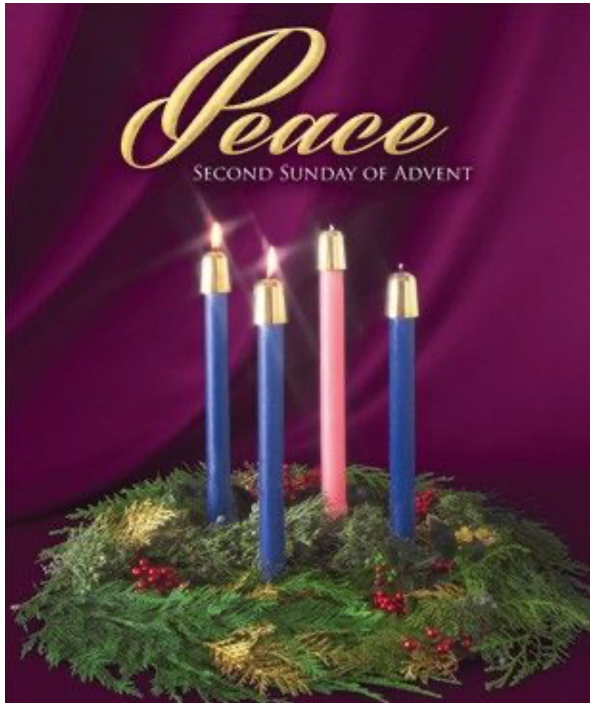
LET US WORSHIP GOD!

December 7, 2025—10:30 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;
Worship Leader: Beverly Mate; Message: Rev. David Wenker, Pulpit
Supply; Worship Production: Norris Clark



WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: www.coldspringworship.com

MESSAGE PREVIEW:

Rev. David Wenker's message is titled: "God Provides"

Christmas is the fulfillment of many prophecies and graphic pictures in the Old Testament. Today we will look at the picture of the "Lamb of God" as an image of God providing a substitute to bear the punishment

for our sin. We will consider our response to the declaration, "Behold! The Lamb of God". Will we follow in faithful trust? Will we be indifferent to an image we have difficulty understanding? Will we follow only to receive what we want, forgiveness, so we feel better, but not surrender our lives to our only hope for life?

MUSIC PREVIEW:

Welcome Ruth Rich, playing the flute with us this morning! Thank you Ruth, for adding your talent and music to our worship service!

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" has its roots in the medieval "O Antiphons," which date back to the 8th or 9th century. These were chants sung in the days leading up to Christmas and were later arranged into a metrical form in the 12th century, appearing in a 1710 Latin hymnal. The most famous English translation was created by John Mason Neale in 1851, and the familiar melody comes from a 15th-century French funeral hymn.

The hymn "O Lamb of God Most Holy" is a modern setting of the ancient Agnus Dei prayer, which refers to Jesus as the "Lamb of God" who takes away the sin of the world, a title from John the Baptist. The specific arrangement of this popular hymn is attributed to F. Melius Christiansen, who set the traditional Latin text to an anthem that remains widely sung.

The story behind the hymn "I Surrender All" is about Judson W. Van DeVenter's personal struggle between his artistic career and full-time Christian ministry, culminating in his ultimate decision to dedicate his life to God's service, which inspired the lyrics written in 1896 and later set to music by Winfield S. Weeden, becoming a famous anthem of devotion.

PRELUDE

JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME:

REV. DAVID WENKER

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)

God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF PEACE: TOM AND MARY IMPERATO

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVE)

(LUKE 1: 49-51)

LITURGIST: BEVERLY MATE

One: For the Mighty One has done great things for me – Holy is his name.

Many: His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

One: He has performed mighty deeds with his arm.

Many: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

We are glad to be here today. We anticipate our Christmas celebration with joy. Thank you for the Christmas gifts you bring to our lives. We bless you with our whole selves today, the part that needs healing and light and the part that rejoices for what you have already done. We come as your people ready to follow your lead into worship and service. We pray in Jesus name, AMEN

GATHERING HYMN - #9 (BLUE) "O COME, O COME EMMANUEL"

**1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**2. O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**3. O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

We hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord and make God's paths straight." Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ as we confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

You alone know the places in our hearts where we harbor hatred, prejudice, jealousy and resentment. We may not even realize the presence of some of those dark emotions and thoughts. Shine your light on our hearts that we might become aware of where we need forgiveness and healing in our souls. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN

Silent Reflection

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVE)

One: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sin God is faithful and just and will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (GLORY TO GOD #88)

“O come, thou Wisdom from on high, Who orderest all things mightily: To us the path of knowledge show; ...Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 22: 1-14

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the

angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 1: 29-36

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen

One.” The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

MESSAGE: “*GOD PROVIDES*”

REV. DAVID WENKER

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MOMENT FOR MISSION: CHRISTMAS JOY

OFFERING

BEVERLY MATE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

God is the giver of every good gift, pouring out grace upon grace on us and our world. Let us give back a portion of those gifts as we receive the morning offering.

OFFERTORY

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above the heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

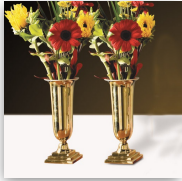
Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNITY NEWS

Birthdays
& Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

None on the list



Flowers: The beautiful flowers on the pulpit are given by Denise Schuler "in memory of my best friend and loving husband Harley who's forever in my heart."

To donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one, sign up in the narthex and/or contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).

Readers needed for the Christmas Eve, 6 pm candlelight service! See Pastor Dave for details.



Poinsettias for the church sanctuary for Advent & Christmas Eve- forms are in the narthex to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of loved ones. \$20.00 per Poinsettia, you can take them home after the Christmas Eve Worship Celebration. **Please return forms with payment by today, Sunday, Dec. 7,** in the collection plate or to the church office.



Cold Spring Advent Covered Dish Luncheon - Today! Sunday, December 7,
in Price Hall, following the Worship Service. You do not need to bring anything to attend. Everyone is welcome!

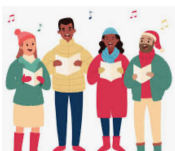


Wreaths Across America

Ceremony on **Saturday, December 13 at noon.** Order forms to sponsor or buy a wreath for a veteran's gravesite, are available in the narthex.



Sunday, December 21st - 10:30 am
Worship Service - come to worship & bring your family & friends for this special Musical Celebration of Christ's Birth through readings & music,
"Christmas Around the World".



The Angelus Chorus
"Our Favorite Things" Holiday Concerts :

Mon. 12/8, 7 pm - Cape May United Methodist Church - 635 Washington St., Cape May
Wed. 12/10, 7 pm - First United Methodist Church of Cape May Court House - 1 Church Street, CMCH
Thurs. 12/11, 7 pm - Resurrection Church (St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish), - 200 Tuckahoe Rd, Marmora
Sun. 12/14, 2 pm - Performing with the John Walter Cape Community Band at Middle Township Performing Arts Center - 212 Bayberry Dr. CMCH

RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(If you'd like to add to our prayer list, please complete a green Let's Pray card.)

Pray for: **Sue's cousin, Greg Smith**, can't have needed shoulder surgery because of a weak heart. He is in much pain; **Melva Cremer** is suffering with shingles on her face affecting her eyes; **Amanda Dodd's mother** is in the hospital; **Wayne Spang**, dear friend of John Saalman, having open heart surgery this week; **Julie Groob** hospitalized with complications from cancer surgery; **James Dodd, Jr** recuperating at home after a serious illness and hospital stay; Comfort for friends and family of **Ken Ross**, a veteran who passed away; **Rev. Jim Shanley**, his recuperation from a heart procedure is not going well; **Max Moran's Mother** who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer; **Denise's stepdaughter, Lori**, whose cancer has returned for the third time. She is receiving very serious treatment; **Ariana Palmer**, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant;

Continual prayer requested for: **Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob & Anna Sheidly** friends of Bob Heinly, as they battle multiple maladies of aging; Bob Sheidly is now the caretaker for Anna, who is having more health difficulties.

Those on hospice care: **Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis**

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Kiley Fulford; Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Joe, Jennifer, Lori, Ruth, Debbie, Mike Grecco Norma, Roseann Crook, Christa, Jackie, Diane, Charlotte Holman, Joe Paulits, Gretchen, Ray, Carl & Robert.

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION - #82 (BLUE) "O LAMB OF GOD MOST HOLY"

**1. O Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
And patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!**

**2. O Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
And patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!**

**3. O Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
And patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
Your peace be with us, Jesus!**

**INVITATION TO ALL: COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE!
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
(RESPONSIVE)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of Hope, Breath of
peace, Giver of all life.....

as Jesus taught us to pray, saying,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts

as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - REV. DAVID WENKER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

Once we were strangers,
Now we are neighbors.
Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.

SENDING HYMN: #82 (RED) "I SURRENDER ALL"

**1. All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live
I surrender all, (i surrender all),
I surrender all , (I surrender all),
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**2. All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now
I surrender all, (i surrender all),
I surrender all , (I surrender all),
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**3. All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine
I surrender all, (i surrender all),
I surrender all , (I surrender all),
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**4. All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me
I surrender all, (i surrender all),
I surrender all , (I surrender all),
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

BENEDICTION:
POSTLUDE:

REV. DAVID WENKER
JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace. See you next week!

So glad you've joined us. Please Like and Subscribe on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.

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4. O Lamb of God Most Holy: Nikolaus Decius, Trans. Arthur Tozer Russell; CCLI Song #7032328
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
6. I Surrender All: Judson W. Van DeVenter, Winfield S. Weeden; CCLI Song #23189